

subdivisions. It's going to be good for the schools, no problem about kids, it's all good for them. But God forbid we have it. Heaven forbid that we have more turnout for our elections. Heaven forbid that we want to have a higher vote turnout for city council, mayor, and school board elections. Gosh, no, because we are so important we would rather have a smaller turnout than a bigger turnout because maybe we'll be better off that way. We have name recognition. It's to our advantage to have a lower turnout because those that go to the polls are ones that are informed hopefully, more informed certainly than others that are not choosing to go to the polls, and it probably is to our advantage not to have it. I assume it must to be our advantage, otherwise, I'm sure Senator Cudaback would include that which was my next amendment to include us at least in the experiment you want to do. You're willing to go ahead and do an experiment on levies affecting children, but you're not willing to do it to yourself. It's hypocrisy that I can't stand. Senator Cudaback, I challenge you to offer the amendment on Final Reading that has at least enough courage to include yourself and the rest of us in this nonexperiment, something that's just simply must do because we want higher voter turnout. And I do want higher voter turnout, but not at a time that what we're doing on the property tax and on the levies and not to something that excludes me. If it's good enough for the kids, then it's good enough for us. Put the amendment on, Senator Cudaback. Put it on and I'll bet you don't have the courage to do it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And if you do, I'll support you all the way. I challenge you to do that. Senator Schimek, I challenge you to do that. I want you to do it. And if the body does it, great, at least you're doing a policy on election that's equally to everyone. And God forbid we're not doing it on property tax because there are schools that will not be affected, period. Their levy is at 89 cents, \$1.10 cap means nothing on their levy. Other schools at \$1.70, you tell me what's going to happen to those kids. We're not going to treat them equally so why should we treat us equally as well as the other issues. I understand the connection of the logic. I don't approve of it, just my opinion, one of 49. I understand where some cities are below 45 cent cap and others are not.